

47.(New) The treated substrate of Claim 44 wherein said finish comprises a metal selected from one of the transition metals.

48.(New) The treated substrate of Claim 47 wherein said transition metal is selected from the group consisting of silver and zinc.

### REMARKS

Claims 29-48 are present within this application. Claims 1-10 and 15-24 have been deleted (and Claims 11-14 and 25-28 were previously deleted). No claims have been amended. Claims 29-48 have been added. Claims 29 and 39 include new limitations concerning the presence of a binder material that exhibits certain characteristics critical to the performance of the invention in terms of wash durability. Such limitations are located on page 13, lines 17-19 of the originally filed specification. The remaining claims have merely been renumbered in relation to such independent claims. No new matter has been introduced with such amendments. Entry and due consideration thereof are thus earnestly solicited.

The Office has rejected of Claims 1-10 and 15-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs as nonenablement and indefiniteness. The above amendments have been submitted to remedy these problems as now a binder material meeting certain basic requirements has been included within the limitations of the claimed invention. There is no experimentation required of the ordinarily skilled artisan in view of the present claims in order to reproduce the claimed invention such that the level would be considered "undue". Applicant has provided sufficient

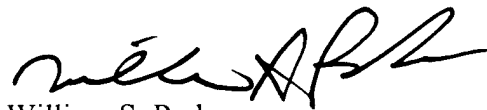
basis with which such a fictional actor can properly determine the scope and ability to produce the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, there is no indefiniteness issue remaining as the requested inclusion of a binder material is now present. Thus, there should be no more bases of rejection applied to the pending claims. In any event, reconsideration and withdrawal of any § 112 bases of rejection are thus respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments, the supplied declaration, and arguments presented above, it is respectfully requested that the prior rejections over the pending claims be withdrawn and the application be passed on to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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